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- 25X1B 1. [REDACTED] the Tina Modotti Cell of the Communist Party of Mexico is a catch-all unit into which have been grouped a number of Central and South American Communists who are residing in Mexico City. This cell does not function regularly but is nevertheless considered to be part of the CPK.
2. The following individuals are reported to be members of the Tina Modotti Cell:
- a. Graciela Bogran, Buen Tono 337, Colonial Industrial, Mexico City, a Honduran citizen of considerable intelligence and a suspected Communist courier between Mexico and Central America. She is an official of the Honduran Democratic Revolutionary Front in Mexico and was a Honduran delegate to the Peace Congress held in Mexico during September 1949. She is reported to have a relative, name unknown, who works in the New Orleans offices of the United Fruit Company.
 - b. Doctor Concepcion Palacios*, Insurgentes 257, Apt. 2, Mexico City, a Nicaraguan citizen who has contacts in Guatemala. She has been a partisan of Jorge Garcia Granados, former Guatemalan Ambassador in Washington and currently a Guatemalan presidential candidate. She travels frequently in Central America. Dr. Concepcion Palacios is connected with Juan Jose Piza of the Central American Democratic Union (UECA) and is probably a Communist. During the early part of 1950 she visited El Salvador and Nicaragua and associated there with elements of the far left.
 - c. Miguel Angel Ibarra, Lago Silverio 192-C, Colonia Anahuac, Mexico City, is considered to be one of the leading Salvadoran Communists in Mexico. Although a carpenter by trade, he is at present earning his living as a traveling vendor, and spends most of his time touring about the small villages of the Mexican states. He is reported to be engaged in spreading Communist propaganda among the small farmers and peasants and to be financed in this traveling by Ruben Castillo Penado, Chief of the Cultural Missions Section of the Mexican Ministry of Education. Castillo's immediate superior in the Ministry of Education is Aaron Norino Fernandez.*

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- d. Fernando Antonio Santamaria, Correo Mayor #10, Interior 18 Bis, is described by source as one of the best-informed foreign Communists in Mexico. He was a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in Columbia during the time of the Bogota incident, following which he was expelled from the country. He also worked on Party business in Venezuela and in Guatemala. He has been financed in Mexico by the Cultural Missions Section of the Ministry of Education but is at present dissatisfied, owing to the reduction of this financial support, and plans to go to Guatemala. While in Mexico his chief spheres of activity have been in the Universidad Obrera and among the students at the National University Law School.
- e. Francisco Lino Csegueda, First Secretary of the Salvadoran Embassy in Mexico City.
- f. Ruben Castillo Penado, a native of El Salvador who works closely with Lino, the two being from the same town in El Salvador. Castillo is Director of the Cultural Missions Section of the Mexican Ministry of Education. He is considered to be an active Communist; he has been an officer in the National Union of Educational Workers and was a sponsor of the Peace Congress held in Mexico City in September 1949.

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